

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HOWARD LEE COOKS,

Defendant.

No. CR 12-0047

**ORDER REGARDING
MAGISTRATE'S REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING DEFENDANT'S
GUILTY PLEAS**

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On June 5, 2012, a three-count Indictment was returned against the defendant Howard Lee Cooks. On July 30, 2012, the defendant appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Jon S. Scoles and entered pleas of guilty to Counts 1 and 3 of the Indictment. On July 30, 2012, Judge Scoles filed a Report and Recommendation in which he recommended that defendant's guilty pleas be accepted. No objections to Judge Scoles' Report and Recommendation were filed. The court, therefore, undertakes the necessary review of Judge Scoles' recommendation to accept defendant's pleas in this case.

II. ANALYSIS

Pursuant to statute, this court's standard of review for a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation is as follows:

A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made. A judge of the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate [judge].

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Similarly, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b) provides for review of a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation on dispositive motions and prisoner petitions, where objections are made, as follows:

The district judge to whom the case is assigned shall make a de novo determination upon the record, or after additional evidence, of any portion of the magistrate judge's disposition to which specific written objection has been made in accordance with this rule. The district judge may accept, reject, or modify the recommended decision, receive further evidence, or recommit the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions.

FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b).

In this case, no objections have been filed, and it appears to the court upon review of Judge Scoles' findings and conclusions, that there is no ground to reject or modify them. Therefore, the court **accepts** Judge Scoles' Report and Recommendation of July 30, 2012, and accepts defendant's pleas of guilty in this case to Counts 1 and 3 of the Indictment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 14th day of August, 2012.



LINDA R. READE
CHIEF JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA